THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Rs. 173.30 Cr.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Official level joint meeting between Railways and Government of Karnataka have been held to discuss for farming the scheme of the joint Venture of the said project. The State Government through K-Ride (a Joint Venture Company) has however not yet identified this work in their priority for funding.

Retrieval of Bogies

2092. SHRI KA. RA. SUBBIAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made extensive arrangements to retrieve bogies at the earliest at the time of accidents or during exigencies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of 118 'A' Class Accident Relief Trains (ARTs), 74 on Broad Gauge routes and 44 on Meter Gauge routes with breakdown cranes and other relief equipment have been provided on selected junction stations, along with a team of staff who are experts in retrieving coaches involved in accidents.

Multi-Model Rail Traffic System in Hyderabad and Secunderabad

2093. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY :

SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether South Central Railway proposes to launch Multi-model Suburban Rail Traffic System integrating with road traffic in twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad;

(b) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Union Government to consider the proposal;

(c) if so, by when, this system is likely to be operational;

(d) whether this system is likely to be introduced at other places also;

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) to (c) The work for up-gradation of railway infrastructure facilities for introduction of suburban traffic (MMTS)—Secunderabad-Falaknuma-Lingampalli sections of twin cities of Hyderabad-Secunderabad on cost sharing basis in the ratio of 50:50 between the Ministry of Railways and Government of Andhra Pradesh has been approved and included in the Work Programme of Railways. The project is likely to be completed within one year, subject to availability of funds.

(d) and (e) Yes Sir.

(i) A Study has been conducted for identification of commuter transit system in Delhi and NCR. Few corridors have already been identified for implementation in first phase with equity participation by Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation and respective State Govt.

(ii) A detailed feasibility study is in progress at Bangalore with 2/3rd cost of the study being shared by the State Government of Karnataka. Taking up the project will depend upon findings of the study and other requisite clearances and availability of resources.

Jammu-Udhampur Rail Link Project

2094. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Jammu-Udhampur rail link project, which started 12 years back, still remains to be completed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and